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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 3580th meeting of the Security Council, held on 18 September 1995, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council deplores the rapidly escalating military situation on the ground in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and expresses its deep concern about the plight of the civilian population resulting therefrom.

"The Security Council demands that all the parties involved in offensive military activities and hostile acts in Western Bosnia cease them immediately and respect fully the rights of the local population. It stresses the importance it attaches to intensified efforts to alleviate the plight of refugees and displaced persons, and to the fullest cooperation in this regard by the parties with the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) and the international humanitarian agencies. The Council reiterates that there can be no military solution to the conflict in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and urges all parties not to take military advantage of the present situation. It once again expresses its full support for the Geneva Declaration of Principles of 8 September 1995 (S/1995/780, annex II) which provides a basis for negotiations with the aim of achieving a lasting peace throughout the region.

"The Security Council furthermore deplores the death of one Danish peacekeeper and injury to nine others and expresses its condolences to the Government of Denmark and to the family of the peacekeeper who lost his life."

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